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As we enter this season of reflection and renewal, I am humbled by the enduring service provided to our citizens by Idaho's firefighters, police officers, and EMS providers. As we contemplate the triumphs and sacrifices of this elite group, I ask for your assistance in identifying worthy nominees for Idaho's Medal of Honor. Please distribute this call for nominees among your members to assist us in our efforts to both thank and recognize their efforts and sacrifices.

As you know, in 2004, the Idaho Legislature passed Senate Bill 1260, establishing the Idaho Law Enforcement and Firefighting Medal of Honor Commission. The law was amended in 2005 to include EMS providers. This honor is reserved for those law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS providers who have been killed in the line of duty or have distinguished themselves by exceptional meritorious conduct. The eighth annual awards ceremony has not yet been scheduled, however it usually takes place in May, at the Idaho Peace Officers Memorial, which is located at Idaho State Police Headquarters in Meridian.

The Medal of Honor Commission is accepting nominations for those officers, firefighters, and EMS providers who will be honored in the coming year's ceremony. Nominations may be mailed or hand delivered and must be postmarked or received by **January 31, 2012**. Please note the mailing address above. The Attorney General's Office is located on the second floor of the State Capitol, Suite 210, in Boise. The Commission is requesting that the nominating agency have a representative available, in person or via conference call, when the Commission meets on February 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. to review the nominees.

The nomination form is enclosed and can also be found, along with other information, on the Medal of Honor Web site:

www.medalofhonor.idaho.gov

This ceremony marks Idaho's most meaningful occasion to not only honor those officers, firefighters, and EMS providers who have been killed in the line of duty and those who have distinguished

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themselves by exceptional meritorious conduct, but also to thank all public safety officers who continue, at great risk and peril, to protect those they serve.

Please do not hesitate to contact Teri Nealis if you have any questions. Her phone number is 208-334-4155 and email is teri.nealis@ag.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Wasden", with a stylized flourish at the end.

LAWRENCE G. WASDEN
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